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(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – US Orders Extra Air Cargo Screening for Flights from Mideast**

(U) Washington – US authorities issued an emergency order yesterday requiring additional screening of cargo on flights departing for the United States from five Mideast countries, citing a threat of terrorism. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) order is aimed at preventing terrorist attacks in response to "persistent threats to aviation," TSA said in a statement. The countries falling under this order are Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and United Arab Emirates. TSA said most of the requirements of the emergency order are already being carried out voluntarily by airlines in some countries.

SOURCE: 22 January 2018, [NBC New York](#)

(U) Florida – Flares Set Off at County Mall

(U) Lake Wales – The FBI says two items believed to be marine flares ignited in a hallway at a Polk County mall, creating a large amount of smoke. Police had initially said they were IEDs. An FBI spokeswoman said in a statement yesterday there was no indication of any explosion at the Eagle Ridge Mall. Police and fire officials found smoke in a service corridor and discovered what they believed to be an IED along with a book bag. Bomb technicians found no trace of incendiary or explosive devices. The FBI is continuing to assist state and local officials in the investigation. No one was injured, but the mall was evacuated.

SOURCE: 22 January 2018, [WESH](#)

(U) Kentucky – One Dead, Multiple Wounded in School Shooting

(U) Benton – Authorities say at least five students were shot this morning at a southwestern Kentucky high school. A suspect in the incident at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky, has been apprehended, according to officials with Marshall County Emergency Management. Kentucky State Police Detective Jody Cash said that the "situation is secure and is no longer active." Cash confirmed that one suspect is in custody at the campus, which is staffed by a school resource officer, but could not give details about that suspect. It is not clear if any staff were among the victims.

SOURCE: 23 January 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Woman Arrested Over Terrorism Funding Allegations**

(U) Parramatta – New South Wales (NSW) Police have arrested a 40-year-old woman yesterday morning in relation to allegations of terrorism funding. The woman was arrested following a more than two year investigation by the NSW Joint Counter Terrorism Team. A police statement said Operation PEQIN was established in June 2015 to investigate the activities of "several people" alleged to be involved in terrorist activities.

SOURCE: 22 January 2018, [Daily Telegraph](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Malaysia – Two Men with ISIS Links Arrested over Planned Attacks**

(U) Kuala Lumpur – Malaysian authorities have arrested two men believed to have links with ISIS, including one who allegedly walked around its capital armed with a knife aiming to kill Buddhist monks. The two suspects were arrested in two separate raids in December 2017 and January 2018, on suspicion of planning to carry out acts of violence and promoting ISIS ideology. One of them, an Indonesian who was arrested last week, had allegedly scoured a busy district of Kuala Lumpur in November, seeking Buddhist monks to kill, in retaliation for violence suffered by Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. The other suspect, a Malaysian teacher at a private religious school, was detained in December on suspicion of planning an attack on entertainment outlets and to rob, kidnap or kill non-Muslims.

SOURCE: 20 January 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Thailand – Motorcycle Attack Kills Three, Injures 18

(U) Bangkok – A motorcycle bomb exploded at a market yesterday morning in southern Thailand, killing three people and injuring 18, police said. The attacker parked the bike rigged with explosives nearby and bought goods at the market to blend in with the crowd, police said. The bomb exploded when the attacker left the market area, causing the casualties. The explosion happened in Yala province, one of Thailand's three southernmost provinces where Muslim militants have waged a yearslong insurgency.

SOURCE: 22 January 2018, [The Washington Post](#)

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